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Title: COMMUNICATION DEVICE AND METHOD THEREFOR

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$924.00 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 27 pages, including 6 independent claims and 10 claims total.
3. Drawings - 4 sheets of formal drawings containing 5 figures.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).  
 Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 11-116132, filed April 23, 1999.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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